



Auditor of Public Accounts
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Auditor Edelen, KASAP to host 14 stakeholder meetings to discuss the untested sexual assault kit crisis

FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 10, 2015) – Auditor of Public Accounts Adam Edelen and the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs are hosting a series of stakeholder meetings across the Commonwealth this summer to talk about the untested sexual assault kit crisis. The 14 meetings are part of an examination by the Auditor’s office that seeks to count the number of untested sexual assault forensic examination (SAFE) kits that are in the possession of local law enforcement. The Auditor also plans to make recommendations for reforming how evidence in cases of sexual violence is handled in the future.

“These meetings are an important part of our examination of the complex issues surrounding untested rape kits,” Auditor Edelen said. “I hope to hear from law enforcement, prosecutors, survivors and others as we begin working toward recommending reforms to the system.”

Auditor Edelen wants to talk to survivors, victims’ advocates, nurses, law enforcement, prosecutors, judges and others who are involved in sexual assault investigations and gather testimony about the issues and challenges they face. The Auditor’s office is focused on issues such as how kits are logged, tracked and stored, how decisions to test kits are made, whether victims are notified of the status of their kits and whether law enforcement have sufficient policies, procedures and training to handle kits and deal with victims.

Survivors, victims’ advocates, law enforcement, prosecutors and others who are involved in sexual assault investigations are invited to attend the meetings to voice their concerns and experiences. Due to the sensitive nature of these issues, those who would prefer to share their concerns with the Auditor privately may request time in advance of the meetings to do so. Alternately, individuals may share their stories, concerns and opinions via email at stephenie.hoelscher@ky.gov. Confidentiality may be requested.

Stakeholder Meetings

June 23

2 p.m. CST

New Beginnings Sexual Assault Support Services, 1716 Scherm Rd., Owensboro

June 26

10 a.m. CST

Purchase Area Sexual Assault and Child Advocacy Center, 1605 North Friendship Road, Paducah

June 30

10 a.m. EST

Women's Crisis Center, 3580 Hargrave Drive, Hebron

July 1

11 a.m. EST

Silverleaf Sexual Trauma Recovery Services, 751 South Provident Way, Elizabethtown

July 7

10 a.m. EST

Cumberland River Behavioral Health, 1203 American Greeting Road, Corbin

July 7

2 p.m. EST

Adanta Sexual Assault Resource Center, 130 Southern School Road, Somerset

July 9

10 a.m. CST

Economic Justice Institute, 2109 Old Louisville Road, Bowling Green

July 9

2 p.m. CST

Hopkinsville Municipal Center, 715 S. Virginia Street, Hopkinsville

July 13

10 a.m. EST

145 Constitution Street, Lexington

July 14

11 a.m. EST

Mountain Comprehensive Care Center's Healing Program for Survivors of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, 104 S. Front Street, Prestonsburg

July 14

2 p.m. EST

The Rising Center, 637 Morton Blvd., Hazard

July 21

10 am EST

Mason County Health Department, 120 West Third Street, Maysville

July 21

2 p.m. EST

Park Place, 1701 Central Avenue, Ashland

July 8

1 p.m. EST

Center for Women & Families, 927 S. 2nd Street, Louisville

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